

## **FISCAL NOTE**

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: April 3, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 838 - HB 1045**

This bill, if enacted, will increase the penalty for leaving the scene of an accident involving injury or death from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony. If the driver knew or should have known there was a death, the penalty is increased from a Class E felony to a Class D felony. If there is damage to a vehicle over \$400, the penalty is increased from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class E felony.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures of \$91,570 for incarceration\*. The estimate is based upon 20 persons convicted of a Class E felony receiving a sentence of one year and actually serving 110 days and two persons convicted of a Class D felony and actually serving an additional 77 days above the previous sentence at a cost of \$38.90 per day.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

*\*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*